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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE EMBASSY EVACUATION PLANNING

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1. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR VIRAY CALLED ON ME FEBRUARY 18 TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS HIS EMBASSY'S EVACUATION PLANNING. HE APPEARS TO BE REACTING TO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE SITUATION WITH REASONABLE COOLNESS MIXED WITH SOME UNEASE. HE WILL BE SENDING OUT DEPENDENTS OF HIS OFFICIAL EMBASSY STAFF ON FEBRUARY 24 VIA AIR CAMBODGE TO SAIGON. ACCORDING TO VIRAY, THE PHILLIPINE GOVERNMENT IS NOT NOW PLANNING TO SEND A MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO PHNOM PENH TO EVACUATE FILIPINOS RESIDENT HERE.

2. AMBASSADOR VIRAY ASKED ME WHETHER I THOUGHT HE SHOULD REDUCE HIS EMBASSY STAFF A BIT AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD HAVE A DISCOURAGING IMPACT ON THE KHMER, WHOSE GOVERNMENT HE DESCRIBED AS A FRIENDLY ONE WHICH "WE ARE TRYING TO HELP." I REPLIED THAT A TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF MIGHT BE IN ORDER AND OPINED THAT, IF HANDLED GRADUALLY AND DISCRETELY, IT WOULD HAVE

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NEGLEGIBLE EFFECT WITHIN THE GKR. I ALSO SAID THAT

THIS EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO OFFER SEATS TO QUALIFIED
FILIPINO NATIONALS ON OUR THRICE-WEEKLY USAID CHARTER
FLIGHTS TO BANBKOK ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS.

3. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR VIRAY AND
DO WHAT WE CAN TO BE HELPFUL.
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